

NOV 17 2006 W Attorney Docket No. 033216.061

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:) CONFIRMATION NO.: 4571
Hirofumi WADA, et al.	
U.S. Serial No.: 09/722,643) Group Art Unit: 2621
Filed: November 28, 2000) Examiner: Robert Chevalier

For: PROGRAM RECORDING APPARATUS AND PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants ask to be informed of the status of this patent application. Payment of the Issue Fee was made on June 19, 2006. Applicants have not received from the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office an Issue of Notification nor any other communication concerning this case since the payment of the Issue Fee on June 19, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP

By:

Michael A. Makuch, Reg. No. 32,263

1850 M Street, N.W., Suite 800

Washington, D.C. 20036 Telephone: (202)263-4300 Facsimile: (202) 263-4329

Dated: November 17, 2006